

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are pending in the present application. Claim 2 has been cancelled and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into claims 1 and 4. Claims 2 and 3 are objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Title of the Invention

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive. Accordingly, a new title of the invention that is more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed is presented.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) Over U.S. Patent 6,791,608 to Miyazawa

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,791,608 to Miyazawa for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

The Examiner indicates in paragraph 4 of the Office Action that claims 2 and 3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the subject matter

of claim 2 has been incorporated into claims 1 and 4. Claim 3 has been amended so that it is not dependent upon a cancelled claim.

In view of the amendments to the claims and in view of the remarks hereinabove, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,791,608 to Miyazawa for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action are believed to be moot.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner (Reg. No. 32,181) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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